#### Damian T. Horne



#### Legal/Professional Admitted to Virginia and New Mexico Bar

## Public Defender of New Mexico Director of Training/Senior Trial Counsel

Santa Fe, NM 2000 - Present

1990 – 1993: responsible for training, professional development and educational requirements of over 300 lawyers, social workers and staff throughout the State. Received several awards for outstanding performance including Employee of Year.

1993 – Present: Senior Trial Counsel for New Mexico's First Judicial District responsible for representing indigent defendants charged with major felonies as well as mentoring of junior counsel. Numerous felony trials including numerous murder and first degree felonies.

#### Horne, West and McMurtrie Partner

Gloucester, VA 1987 - 2000

Founding partner of five-attorney law firm with three offices in Tidewater Region of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Engaged in general practice with concentrations in domestic relations, federal bankruptcy and Criminal law. CJA panel and capital murder qualified.

#### **Special Justice**

Williamsburg, VA 1990 - 2000

In addition to private practice, appointed by Circuit Court Judge to conduct involuntary administrative commitments for Eastern District of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

#### **Military**

**Special Operations Detachment (Korea)** 

**JAG** 

Office of Military Commissions

**Defense Counsel** 

**Special Operations Detachment (Global)** 

JAG/Special Op Trainer

891st Trial Defense Services

Commander/Senior Trial Counsel

5/19th Special Forces (Airborne)

**Battalion Judge Advocate** 

5/19th Special Forces (Airborne)

Weapons Sergeant

1/200<sup>th</sup> Infantry

Senior Sniper/Combat Arms Training Company

Colorado/Korea 2015 Present COARNG

Wash. DC/Guantanamo 2014-2015 Active Duty

Afghanistan 2013 Active Duty

Colorado, Wyoming, Dakotas

2011 -2013 COARNG

Colorado

2010-2011 COARNG

Iraq/Various/Colorado

2007 - 2010

New Mexico Army Nat. Guard

2005 - 2007

Duties and Responsibilities have varied but include several combat deployments as a Green Beret and approximately three years of active duty since 9-11. Awards and Decorations include: Combat Infantry Badge, Soldier's Medal (Valor), Army Commendation Medal (w/Oak Leaf), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (oak leaf), Iraqi Campaign Medal w/ 2 campaign stars, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Overseas Ribbon (3), Global War on Terror, Army Service Ribbon, Reserve Component Achievement Medal, National Defense Medal, Special Forces Tab, Ranger Tab, Jumpmaster (Senior Parachutist), Air Assault Badge.

#### Education

## College of William & Mary School of Law

Juris Doctor

Student Columnist: *The Advocate* MALDEF Scholarship Recipient

President Hispanic American Law Students Association

Williamsburg, VA May 1987

### University of New Mexico

**Bachelor of Arts**, History/English Literature Youngest graduate of university – Age 18 Phi Alpha Theta Honorary Society Albuquerque, NM May 74

#### Personal

Santa Fe Native. Married to Sydney with two beautiful children age 16 and 11. Completed over 30 marathons and ultra-marathons including Bataan Memorial Death March, Leadville 100 Mile, Grand Canyon Rim to Rim and Back, and Pine Creek Challenge 100K *Sandan* (4th Degree Black Belt) Okinawan Shorin Ryu Karate.

## **DOUGLAS E. COULEUR**

**Attorney at Law** 

Phone: Fax:

December 10, 2015

The Honorable Susanna Martinez Governor of the State of New Mexico 490 Old Santa Fe Trail Suite 400 Santa Fe, NM 87501-2704

Re: 1<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Attorney

Dear Governor Martinez:

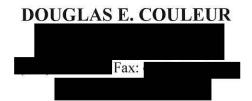
I would like to be considered for appointment to fill the unexpired term of Angela R. Pacheco, 1<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Attorney, in light of her announcement that she was retiring effective December 31, 2015. Attached is my resume summarizing my education and legal career.

On a personal note, I have been married to Angela Romero Couleur for 23 years. She is from Santa Fe and is retired from the Judicial Information Division of the Supreme Court. We have two children, Nikole and Erika. Nikole will graduate next year from UNM with a degree in Elementary Education. Erika will graduate next year from St. Michael's High School in Santa Fe, and is now applying to colleges.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Douglas E. Couleur



#### **EDUCATION**

Law School: LOYOLA UNIV. OF CHICAGO SCHOOL OF LAW, J.D. 1984

Regional Champion, 1984 National Trial Competition National Quarter-Finalist, 1984 National Trial Competition American Jurisprudence Award, Constitutional Law I

College: CORNELL UNIVERSITY, Ithaca, NY, A.B. History, 1979

#### PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Douglas E. Couleur, P.A., October 2012 - present Practice limited to criminal defense, Federal, State, & Local Courts

Chief Deputy District Attorney, 1st Judicial District Attorney, January 2009 - September 2012

Douglas E. Couleur, P.A., January 1994 - December 2008 Specializing in criminal defense

Sena & Couleur, P.C., August 1990 - December 1993 Practiced predominantly in the area of criminal defense

First Judicial District Attorney's Office, January 1985 - June 1990 Supervisor, Rio Arriba County Branch Office, September 1987 - June 1990

Cook County Public Defender, 2650 S. California Ave., Chicago, IL 60608; (312) 890-6146 Extern, Vertical Representation Unit, Spring 1984 Extern, Murder Task Force, Fall 1983

#### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Admitted: New Mexico 1984; United States District Court, New Mexico 1990; Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals 1992; United States Supreme Court 1995

New Mexico Supreme Court Children's Court Rules Committee, December 29, 1995 - May 18, 1998

Board Recognized Specialist in Criminal Law, August 1993 - December 2010

National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

New Mexico Criminal Defense Lawyers Association

Santa Fe Community Corrections Selection Panel, October 1990 - October 1994

Criminal Justice Act Panel member, May 1991 - November 2008

Criminal Justice Act Panel Committee, March 2004 - November 2008

#### Dear Governor Martinez,

I submit my name for appointment to the First Judicial District Attorney position that will be vacated by Angela "Spence" Pacheco on December 31, 2015. My experience, prosecutorial philosophy and principles demonstrate my capability to serve the communities of Santa Fe, Los Alamos and Rio Arriba as District Attorney.

First, my experience: I am a servant leader. As a prosecutor in the Third Judicial District and First Judicial District, I handled juvenile adjudications, violent crimes including domestic violence, sexual assaults and crimes against children. I have worked alongside some of the greatest prosecutors in this state and have extensive courtroom and trial experience. Frankly, I had no intention of ever venturing away from prosecution until I was afforded the opportunity to join your administration in January 2010. In the two and a half years I spent in the Office of the Governor, my scope as government attorney expanded incredibly. As a part of your team, I played an important role in drafting key legislation related to child welfare and public safety and worked with your legal team to defend any actions against you and your administration. In October 2012, I was appointed to serve as the Deputy Secretary for the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD). In this position, I gained an excellent understanding of one of the most complex and largest state agencies. I have worked the front-lines of three legislative sessions; led a team that built and advocated for a nearly two hundred and forty million dollar budget (a great deal of which included your key child welfare and juvenile justice initiatives); implemented policies to improve the child welfare, early childhood, behavioral health and juvenile justice systems; and developed relationships with key stakeholders including members of the judiciary and various state, county and city officials. In April of 2015, I shifted responsibilities and took on the role of Administrative Services Director at CYFD, which is the position I currently hold. This opportunity has given me a different perspective into the complex budget, grants, procurement and financial operations of a large government entity. Inevitably, these administrative responsibilities are an integral part of the operations of a district attorney's office and this skill set will be quite valuable.

My prosecutorial philosophy is quite simple: the approach to every case must be centered on assuring the public's safety and working towards the victim's sense of justice. I am not naïve to the fact that there are often factual and evidentiary considerations that make achieving the victim's sense of justice difficult, but I wholeheartedly believe that the repeat trauma that a victim of crime experiences during the pendency of a criminal case can be mitigated with candor and responsive communication. I recognize the careful balance between this philosophy and the Constitutional protections of the criminal defendant; however, the public's safety and the victim's rights is the foundation from which I would lead the First Judicial District Attorney's office.

Finally, my principles: I am a leader that is firm and fair. My colleagues will tell that you that regardless of the position I hold I always do the right thing for the right reason — even if it is a tougher road to travel. My integrity and values as a professional and a person are the core of my ambition and I vow to never compromise either for the easier way or the wrong way of doing things; I vow to take the harder road to justice. As District Attorney, I will lead by example, be present in the office and the courtroom, work tirelessly for victims' rights, and build stronger relationships with local law enforcement.

To replace Spence Pacheco, the First Judicial District needs someone who can hit the ground running; who knows the intricate administrative operations of a government entity; who knows the availability of state resources and how to leverage those resources; who has strong relationships with key stakeholders; who understands the interplay between local and state systems; and who recognizes the necessity of all branches of government working together towards protecting the most vulnerable citizens and achieving a greater sense of public safety. These are all skills and attributes that I have and would carry into this important position. I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely, Jennifer Padgett

# Jennifer Padgett

New Mexico State Bar # 23203

#### **EDUCATION**

## St. Mary's University Law School

San Antonio, TX Juris Doctorate, 2005

## University of New Mexico

Albuquerque, NM B.A., 1998

#### James Madison University

Harrisonburg, VA Division I, Student Athlete, 1994-1996

## **Albuquerque Academy**

Albuquerque, NM High School Graduate, 1994

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### Children, Youth and Families Department

Administrative Services Director, May 2015 - present

- Oversee the Budget and Revenue Bureau Unit (8 FTE), Office of Financial Management (35 FTE), Background Check Unit (9 FTE), and the Information Technology Division (55 FTE and 37 contractors)
- Advise the Office of the Secretary on revenues and expenditures related to a 436.0 million dollar budget
- Work directly with programs, DFA and LFC to plan for and prepare for budget base increases and expansions consistent with statewide policy initiatives
- Review and prepare Request for Proposals to ensure that they align with Executive priorities and agency initiatives
- Review substantive terms of contracts to ensure tight financial controls, contractor accountability and consistency with agency priorities

#### Deputy Cabinet Secretary, November 2012- May 2015

- Executive appointee for one of New Mexico's largest state agencies with annual budget of nearly \$440.0 million dollars
- Prioritized policy and budget expenditures for New Mexico's Early Childhood Services, Protective Services Division, Juvenile Justice Services and the Children's Behavioral Health Division

- Testified in front of interim legislative committees on behalf of CYFD's budget requests and programmatic initiatives
- Advocated during the legislative session for agency's legislative priorities
- Provided "expert" legal analysis for the executive's priority legislation involving child welfare and public safety efforts
- Directed and guided well-informed policy, legal positions and settlements in the high profile cases and issues involving CYFD

#### Office of Governor Susana Martinez

Assistant General Counsel, January 2011 – October 2012<sup>1</sup>

- Legal and policy advisor to Governor Martinez in a number of areas including but not limited to public safety, juvenile justice and child welfare
- Served as legal liaison between the Office of the Governor and state agencies such as the Department of Public Safety, Public Education Division, Regulation and Licensing Department, and the Department of Corrections
- Part of a team of three attorneys who defended Governor Martinez in legal actions including Writs of Mandamus in the NM Supreme Court and District Courts
- Conduct extensive legal analysis on legislation passed (and awaiting the governor's approval or veto) during the Regular Session of 2011, Special Session of 2011, and Regular Session of 2012
- Drafted proposed legislation that continue to be submitted as part of the Governor's legislative priorities

#### 1st Judicial District Attorney's Office

Senior Trial Prosecutor, May 2010 - January 2011

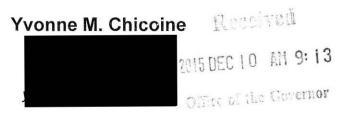
- Prosecuted Crimes Against Children (CAC) and Sexual Assaults
- Managed caseload in Santa Fe, Los Alamos and Rio Arriba counties as sole attorney assigned to the CAC unit
- Vertically prosecuted cases (investigation- charging- grand jury- pending jury trial- trial)

### 3rd Judicial District Attorney's Office,

Assistant District Attorney, January 2006- May 2010

- Prosecuted felony domestic violence, crimes against children and juvenile adjudications
- Maintained caseload of 40+ cases pending jury trial
- Proficient in probation violations, fast track dockets and grand jury proceedings

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Acting General Counsel for CYFD June 2011- November 2012



December 9, 2015

By Hand
The Honorable Susana Martinez
Governor of New Mexico
State Capitol
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Attn: Steven Blankinship, General Counsel

Re: Appointment as District Attorney, First Judicial District

#### Dear Governor Martinez:

I am writing to ask you to appoint me to fill the position of district attorney for the First Judicial District, which will become vacant as of January 1, 2016. If appointed to this position, I will campaign vigorously for election in November 2016.

My background and skills make me uniquely qualified to serve as district attorney. I am an accomplished prosecutor. I worked four years as an assistant district trial attorney in the First Judicial District and currently serve in the special prosecutions division of the attorney general's office. I have earned a reputation for successfully trying particularly difficult cases and working effectively with victims and law enforcement. My more than four-and-one-half years of experience as an appellate lawyer in the criminal appeals division of the Attorney General's Office deepened my understanding of prosecutorial best practices, and gave me valuable insight into how to preserve trial court convictions in our courts of appeal.

I also am an experienced manager, having served as the chief staff officer of Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) in Albuquerque from 1997 to 2004. During the seven years I was at the helm of ABC, I implemented systems and programs that served as the foundation for the organization's growth. During that time, ABC advanced significantly as the champion of the merit construction industry.

I am a registered Republican and have spent a substantial part of my career advocating for conservative principles. I take very seriously the special obligations of being a civil servant, and in particular a prosecutor's duty to do justice.

I look forward to the opportunity to speak with you personally about my qualifications.

Enclosure (resume)

#### Yvonne M. Chicoine

home:		
cell:		

#### **Professional Experience**

August 2011-

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

present

Santa Fe, New Mexico Assistant Attorney General

After serving in the criminal appeals division for more than four and one-half years, transferred to the special prosecutions division the summer of 2015. In the special prosecutions division, prosecute cases on behalf of the attorney general where the local district attorney has declined to prosecute. In the criminal appeals division, appeared in person and in writing before the New Mexico Supreme Court and Court of Appeals.

Major Achievements: In November 2015, obtained guilty verdict in eleven-year-old case of child abuse resulting in death. In the appellate division, successfully argued for affirmance of murder, child abuse, and DWI convictions on procedural, statutory and constitutional grounds. Successfully argued that testimony by expert witnesses presenting their independent analysis of data does not violate the constitutional right of confrontation.

September 2007- OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

August 2011

Santa Fe, New Mexico Assistant District Attorney

Prosecuted violent felonies, particularly those involving domestic violence. Represented the State of New Mexico in all types of criminal proceedings at the trial court level. Tried dozens of cases to the court and to juries. Gathered and analyzed evidence; made charging decisions; presented cases to the Grand Jury. Reviewed case law, and prepared briefs and other legal documents. Mentored new lawyers and staff members.

Major Achievements: Secured two first-degree murder convictions in 2011 case of defendant accused of shooting his pregnant girlfriend and her father. Obtained child abuse conviction in case where child's mother caused the child to remain trapped under a piece of furniture for more than six hours. Tried case that reportedly resulted in the first conviction of battery against a peace officer in northern New Mexico in a decade.

Spring 2007 OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, SECOND JUDICIAL

**DISTRICT** Albuquerque, New Mexico

Law Student Extern

Assisted in the prosecution of felony DWI cases. Negotiated terms of plea agreements and analyzed requests for modifications to conditions of release. Made court appearances with supervising attorney. Prepared motions and responses; reviewed motions and responses prepared by others. Assisted in trial preparation.

December 2006

LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY

Summer 2006

Los Alamos, New Mexico

Law Clerk (Office of the Laboratory Counsel)

Provided support to the Business, Environment, Employment and Intellectual Property Law Groups. Projects included identifying and drafting conforming amendments to the Laboratory's general contract provisions, analyzing requirements for citizen suits under the Clean Water Act and the regulation of point source discharges, preparing a memorandum reviewing legal and practical aspects of searches, seizures and checkpoint inspections by private security guards on government property, and conducting legal analysis regarding multi-employer unemployment benefits and treatment of intellectual property licenses in bankruptcy.

Spring 2006

OFFICE OF THE U.S. ATTORNEY

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Law Clerk (Violent Crimes Division)

Conducted research and wrote legal memoranda on topics including the use of expert witnesses, the admissibility of psychological evidence, statutory construction, and searches and seizures.

Summer 2005

HONORABLE PAUL KELLY, Jr., Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals, 10th Circuit HONORABLE RODERICK KENNEDY, Judge, New Mexico Court of Appeals HONORABLE JAMES A. HALL, Chief Judge, First Judicial District Court

Santa Fe, New Mexico

Judicial extern

Performed research and wrote legal memoranda on topics including administrative law, statutory construction, suppression of evidence, civil and criminal procedure, and class action suits.

1997-2004

ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS (ABC)

Albuquerque, New Mexico Chief Staff Officer (President)

Directed internal and external affairs of association, its tax-exempt educational trust and its political action committee. Recommended and implemented internal and external policies under direction of Board of Directors. Represented association in the community and before government bodies. Developed and ensured maintenance of personnel and financial management systems. Analyzed legal and political developments affecting the construction industry.

Major Achievements: Substantially enhanced organization's political influence and public profile. Improved member services and achieved significant membership growth. Expanded workforce training programs. Incorporated and obtained 501(c)(3) status for educational trust. Designed and documented internal management systems. Increased assets more than 300 percent, including purchase of land for owned facility.

1998 and 1997

#### NEW MEXICO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Santa Fe, New Mexico

Chief Minority Analyst (1998 Legislative Session) Legislative Analyst (1997 Legislative Session)

Evaluated and prepared reports on proposed legislation. Assisted leadership in developing strategy. Served as liaison to Senate Republican staff. Coordinated and oversaw work of other analysts.

Major Achievement: Implemented system that gave Republican House Members access to summaries and analysis of legislation prior to Committee action (previously legislators received analysis only in advance of floor consideration).

1996

#### GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Santa Fe, New Mexico

Volunteer

Edited and consolidated nearly twenty subcommittee reports into final committee report that made dozens of recommendations to New Mexico's Governor on ways to improve the efficiency of State Government.

1993-1995

#### AMERICAN FOREST & PAPER ASSOCIATION (AFPA)

Washington, D.C.

Director of Trade Policy

Developed positions and represented trade-related interests of 400 paper and forest product companies (exports exceeding \$18.4 billion) before Congress, the European Commission and multinational organizations, particularly with respect to emerging issues, such as trade and the environment, APEC, the Free Trade Agreement for the Americas (FTAA) and the draft multilateral investment treaty. Actively participated as expert and U.S. delegate, negotiating and drafting provisions of the ISO 14000 environmental management standards.

Major Achievements: Led international business coalition addressing trade barrier aspects of European Union eco-labeling regulations for paper products. Analyzed policy implications of the convergence of international trade and the environment. Prepared statements defining U.S. paper industry's policy concerns for distribution to U.S. and non-U.S. representatives to the World Trade Organization (WTO), the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), and the UN Committee on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

1980-1993

## INTERNATIONAL TRADEMARK ASSOCIATION (INTA)

New York, New York

International Manager (1989-93)

Government Relations Manager (1980-89)

Represented interests of organization's members (corporations and law firms) headquartered in more than 100 countries before United States, international and non-U.S. governmental entities.

Developed national and international government relations policies. Drafted legislation, prepared testimony and official statements. Managed multi-national volunteer committees.

Major Achievements: Managed global, non-government team in efforts to conclude the first multinational trademark treaty acceptable to the United States. Led intensive one-year effort, including drafting the legislation, legislative history and congressional statements, and organizing and managing coalition, that resulted in first comprehensive revision of U.S. trademark law since the Lanham Act was adopted in 1946. Researched and drafted statements, amendments and reports, and lobbied for passage of other statutes, including Trademark Counterfeiting Act of 1984, Trademark Clarification Act of 1984, and Trademark Display Act of 1982. Prepared modifications to Model State Trademark Law. Developed and directed worldwide network for analyzing, reporting and influencing changes in global trademark and unfair competition law.

1977-1980

THE AMERICAN CONSERVATIVE UNION (ACU)

Washington, D.C. Legislative Director (1979-80)

Legislative Director (1979-80) Legislative Assistant (1977-79)

Led national, state and grass roots lobbying efforts on issues ranging from tax and fiscal policy, and energy and business deregulation, to foreign affairs and trade. Prepared testimony and speeches for members of Congress. Developed statutory language. Planned media and public relations events and initiatives. Organized national conferences.

#### Education

Juris Doctor, 2007, School of Law, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Recipient, 2007 Irwin Stern Moise Award in Legal and Judicial Ethics.

Bachelor of Arts (magna cum laude), 1977, School of International Studies, Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois.

Institute on Comparative Political and Economic Systems, Summer 1975, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

#### Select Activities and Memberships

State Bar of New Mexico (admitted September 2007).

Governor's Mansion Foundation (Santa Fe, New Mexico) (board of directors, 2014-2015).

Oliver Seth American Inn of Court (Santa Fe, New Mexico) (member, 2007-2009).

St. Elizabeth Shelter (Santa Fe, New Mexico) (board of directors, 2002-2006).

## Frances M. Fernandes

December 10, 2015

Subject: Consideration of Yvonne Chicoine

Dear Governor Martinez,

This is just a short note to let you know that Yvonne Chicoine would like to "throw her hat in the ring" for consideration in the upcoming selection of a replacement for Santa Fe District Attorney Angela Pacheco. She will be submitting her resume and qualifications to your office. Coincidentally, for the past year Yvonne and I have discussed her possible run for District Attorney in 2016.

Both Yvonne and her husband, Tom Starke, have been productive members of this state for many years. I remember them well beginning at the time when we all worked at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Yvonne is committed to seeing that justice to both defendants and victims is carried out. She has great respect for law enforcement and believes that there should be a strong partnership between the two branches of government. Those are just a few examples of Yvonne's thoughts on the role of the District Attorney within the community.

In addition to the above observations, I can vouch for the fact that her integrity is beyond reproach.

Cell:

Sincerely,

Frances Fernandes

Home:

# Bruce E. A. Larsen



Received
2015 DEC 29 AHII: 37
Office of the Governor

December 29, 2015

BY HAND The Honorable Susana Martinez Governor of New Mexico State Capitol Santa Fe, NM 87501

Re: Appointment of Yvonne Chicoine as District Attorney, First Judicial District

Dear Governor Martinez,

I am writing to encourage you to appoint Yvonne Chicoine as District Attorney, First Judicial District. I have known Yvonne since 1995 when she moved to Santa Fe. While at Associated Builders and Contractors, she demonstrated strong leadership and management skills which will serve her well as D.A. After receiving her law degree from UNM in 2007, she was an Assistant District Attorney in Santa Fe giving her intimate knowledge of the position that I am recommending her for. She showed competence in criminal cases as well as in cases involving child abuse and domestic violence. She will be a strong advocate for children.

During the last four years, she has been at the Office of the Attorney General where she continued to use her legal skills to argue appellate cases and appeared before the New Mexico Supreme Court.

Yvonne's management and legal background suit her well for the position of District Attorney. To appoint her would bring well-deserved credit to your administration.

Sincerely,
Bruce Ed Jasse

## Cason, Pamela, GOV

From:

Marquez, Gloria, GOV

Sent:

Wednesday, December 09, 2015 10:01 AM

To: Cc: Ryanczak, Regina Cason, Pamela, GOV

Subject:

RE: call me

Oops, I forgot to loop Pamela in.

### Gloria

From: Marquez, Gloria, GOV

Sent: Wednesday, December 09, 2015 9:58 AM

**To:** 'Ryanczak, Regina' **Subject:** RE: call me

Good Morning Gina,

Hope you are doing well. I see you are interested in the District Attorney position for Santa Fe County. You can send your letter of interest and Resume to Ms. Pamela Cason in our legal department. I'm sure she will then follow up with vetting information.

Wish you well.

Gloria

Gloria Marquez Scheduler Office of the Governor State Capitol Building, Suite 400 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501 505-476-2200

From: Ryanczak, Regina [mailto:rryanczak@nmag.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, December 08, 2015 3:32 PM

To: Marquez, Gloria, GOV

Subject: call me

Hi Gloria,

I apologize for not contacting you sooner. I didn't realize you were still in Santa Fe. Anyway, I've left you a couple of messages. Could you give me a call, please? My cell # is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Thanks.

Regina Ryanczak Assistant Attorney General New Mexico Attorney General P.O. Drawer 1508 Santa Fe, NM 87504

#### IPRA Response

 $505 \hbox{-} 827 \hbox{-} 3883 \text{ (voice)}$ 505-827-6685 (fax)

rryanczak@nmag.gov

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## Cason, Pamela, GOV

From:

Tim Williams <TWilliams@da.state.nm.us>

Sent:

Thursday, December 17, 2015 2:47 PM

To:

Cason, Pamela, GOV

Subject:

RE: Vacant District Attorney Position

Dear Ms. Cason,

I was provided your name and email address as a point of contact for Governor Martinez. Can you tell me whether the Governor is still accepting letters of interest for the First Judicial District Attorney's position being vacated by Ms. Pacheco, and if so, to whom should I submit my letter of interest and resume? I appreciate your assistance with this inquiry and look forward to hearing from you. If there is someone else on the Governor's staff I should direct my questions to please let me know.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Williams Deputy District Attorney First Judicial District Attorney's Office 327 Sandoval Street Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504 (505) 827-5000

## Received

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Marco P. Serna

Office of the Governor



December 24, 2015

The Honorable Susana Martinez Governor, State of New Mexico Office of the Governor 490 Old Santa Fe Trail – Room 400 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

#### Dear Governor Martinez:

My name is Marco Serna, and I am respectfully requesting your consideration for appointment to the First Judicial District Attorney position currently held by Angela R. "Spence" Pacheco, who has announced her resignation effective December 31, 2015.

I am currently an Assistant Attorney General for the State of New Mexico, (NMAG), prosecuting Medicaid Fraud and Elder Abuse out of the Albuquerque office. As an Assistant Attorney General prosecuting individuals from around the state, I have become aware of the serious impact Medicaid fraud and elder abuse has on society. The magnitude of the fraud taking place and the effort to address these legal issues—not only investigating but also prosecuting these cases—has given me the experience needed to resolve many cases this past year.

Prior to my work with NMAG, I was an Assistant District Attorney for the Thirteenth Judicial District Attorney's Office from February, 2011 to September, 2012. I worked in the Valencia County office prosecuting misdemeanor and non-violent felonies such as drug possession and trafficking. After 2012, I transferred to the Sandoval County office and prosecuted misdemeanors and all levels of felonies. I was promoted to Supervisor of the Domestic Violence Unit where I supervised felony and misdemeanor attorneys in that office. I subsequently became a Supervisor under the Deputy District Attorney and my case load included homicides, violent felonies, criminal sexual penetration of adults and minors as well as a variety of non-violent felonies. Most notably, I successfully prosecuted John (Jack) McDowell, a former New Mexico State Police officer, for First Degree Murder in December, 2014. He is now serving a life sentence in prison.

Working in these offices has allowed me the opportunity to prosecute a wide variety of cases and gain invaluable experience in a relatively short period of time.

I was recognized for my work by the New Mexico Bar Association when I was named Domestic Violence Prosecutor of the Year in 2013.

I believe because of my passion for just prosecution, my ability to work collaboratively and adapt to different judicial styles, as well as my experience supervising attorneys at all levels of prosecution, makes me an ideal candidate for this appointment.

I am a native New Mexican, born and raised in Santa Fe and Espanola with strong ties to these communities. I am confident I can run a professional and aggressive campaign for election to this important and critical post. This district requires no less than the best prosecutor.

Please give my appointment to this position your every consideration.

Sincerely,

Marco P. Serna

## MARCO P. SERNA

EDUCATION:

The University of Arizona

Bachelor of Science degree in Public Administration, May 2005

Major: Criminal Justice Administration

St. Mary's University School of Law

Juris Doctorate, December 2008

BAR ADMISSION: State Bar of New Mexico (2009)

U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico (2009)

Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals (2010)

EXPERIENCE:

12/14-Present New Mexico Attorney General's Office

Assistant Attorney General

Prosecute Medicaid Fraud and Elder Abuse

2/11-12/14 13th Judicial District Attorney's Office

Assistant Trial Attorney/Supervising Attorney

- Second in command of the Sandoval County office.
- Supervising attorney of the Domestic Violence Unit.
- Lead counsel and co-counsel in homicide, violent felony, drug related, domestic violence sex offense and child abuse cases.
- First Degree Murder Conviction Life in Prison
   First Chair on State of New Mexico v. John "Jack" McDowell

4/09-1/11 Risk Management Division Legal Bureau

Senior Litigation Attorney/Attorney

- Provide legal defense for State of New Mexico.
- Tort Litigation under NM Tort Claims Act.
- Civil Rights Litigation
  - Second Chair on Copar v. NMED, et, al. in the U.S. District Court of New Mexico
- Supervision of Outside Counsel Firms
- Supervision of high profile litigation such as Rail Road fatalities, complex Civil Rights cases and Medical Malpractice claims

4/08-8/08 The Center for Legal and Social Justice – Criminal Clinic Student Attorney

- Provide legal representation for indigent clients
- Conduct interviews with clients and possible witnesses
- Extensive use of Westlaw and Lexis Nexis
- Draft motions, letters, and memos

Tucson, Arizona

San Antonio, Texas

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Bernalillo, New Mexico

Santa Fe, New Mexico

San Antonio, Texas

### AWARD/ORGANIZATIONS:

## 2013 PROSECUTOR OF THE YEAR - Domestic Violence

Hispanic National Bar Association

New Mexico Hispanic Bar Association

Board member 2012-Present

Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity

Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Business Fraternity